



**Doctors Worldwide is Seeking Volunteers for deployment
to provide Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn
Care (BEmONC) Training in Malawi**

Strengthening Maternal and Newborn Health through BEmONC Training for Local Healthcare Providers

In Malawi, maternal and newborn mortality rates remain a significant challenge, particularly in rural areas where access to emergency obstetric care is limited. Although efforts have been made to improve healthcare, there remains a gap in the availability of skilled healthcare providers capable of delivering life-saving maternal and newborn care during emergencies. The maternal mortality ratio (MMR) in Malawi is among the highest globally, estimated at 439–675 per 100,000 live births ([WHO](#)). Malawi's neonatal mortality rate (NMR) is 29–33 per 1,000 live births, with leading causes including birth asphyxia, prematurity, and infections. Adolescent pregnancies account for 29% of births and contribute to 15% of maternal deaths. These deaths relate to haemorrhage (24%), sepsis (24%), obstructed labour/ruptured uterus (20%), abortion complications (18%), and eclampsia (4%).

In response to these challenges, DWW is focused on enhancing the skills of local healthcare workers through the BEmONC (Basic Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care) training, as prescribed by the WHO and the Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises. This program aims to improve the capacity of healthcare providers to manage childbirth complications effectively, ensuring better outcomes for mothers and babies, especially in underserved regions.

Purpose: The BEmONC program is designed to train healthcare workers to manage common complications during childbirth, including hemorrhage, infection, eclampsia, and obstructed labor. The training will enhance local capacity to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care, improve maternal and newborn survival, and promote better reproductive health in Malawi. As part of this initiative, DWW seeks local and international OBS/GYN specialists to lead the training efforts for local healthcare providers.

Project Overview:

The BEmONC training program will cover the following key modules:

- Basic obstetric care, including safe delivery and newborn resuscitation
- Management of postpartum hemorrhage, eclampsia, and other obstetric emergencies
- Neonatal care, including resuscitation and management of infections
- Identifying and addressing complications early in the labor process



Training curriculum and topics

3 day course curriculum
DAY 1: Introduction to EmONC and Managing Obstetric Emergencies
<i>Registration of Participants</i>
1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Overview of Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EmONC)
3. Respectful Maternity Care
<i>Tea Break</i>
4. Identification and Treatment of Shock
5. Prevention and Management of Postpartum Hemorrhage
6. Use of Oxytocic Drugs
<i>Lunch</i>
7. Management of Postpartum Hemorrhage Continued
8. Referral to Higher Levels of Care
9. Manual Removal of Placenta
<i>Working Tea Break</i>
10. Skills Practice
11. Group Debriefing
12. Wrap Up and Guided Reading
DAY 2: Advanced Obstetric Care and Management of Hypertension in Pregnancy
1. Review of Previous Day
2. Transport and Referral
3. Open Skills Practice
<i>Tea Break</i>
4. Prevention and Management of Peripartum Infections
5. Case Study and Group Debrief



6. Prevention and Management of Severe Pre-eclampsia/Eclampsia
<i>Lunch</i>
7. Safe Administration of Magnesium Sulphate
8. Clinical Simulation Debriefing - reflect on use MgSO4 and other skills
9. Wrap Up and Guided Reading
DAY 3: Essential Newborn Care and Newborn Resuscitation
1. Review of Previous Day
2. Overview of Newborn Mortality and Essential Newborn Care
3. Essential Newborn Care
<i>Tea Break</i>
4. Newborn Resuscitation
5. Competency Assessments for Postpartum Hemorrhage, Pre-eclampsia/Eclampsia, and Newborn Resuscitation
<i>Lunch</i>
6. Post-test and Results
7. Review and Sharing of Available Resources
8. Ongoing Education and Practice Exercises
9. Course Evaluation
10. Closing/Certificates

Trainers will lead interactive workshops and hands-on sessions, providing critical skills to healthcare providers who will be serving in high-need, rural areas. You will be responsible for delivering high-quality training, offering clinical expertise, and ensuring that trainees can apply their skills in real-world settings.

Duration of Programme:

The training sessions will take place over the course of one week, with two groups of participants each receiving three days of in-person training, a total of 6 days of training and 5 days of 1-2-1 in-clinic mentoring. **A minimum of two weeks of deployment time is required. The tentative dates for this deployment are set in between June and July 2025.**



Training Method:

In-person training with practical simulations, role-plays, and group discussions. Mentoring using logbooks in-clinic.

CPD Credits:

A letter of support can be provided for CPD.

Candidate Requirements:

- Minimum 5 years of clinical experience as an OBS/GYN or equivalent role
- Experience with emergency obstetric and neonatal care
- Fluent in English (local language skills are a plus)
- Strong ability to teach and work in diverse, resource-limited settings
- Experience in medical education and training is highly desirable
- Previous humanitarian experience or work in similar settings is a plus

Desired Skills and Experience:

- OBS/GYN expertise with experience in high-risk obstetrics
- Experience working in rural healthcare settings
- Ability to teach both theoretical and practical skills
- Familiarity with maternal health challenges in sub-Saharan Africa
- Ability to work under pressure in resource-limited environments

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. We encourage early applications for training in the upcoming months.

Application Process: To apply, please submit the following to info@doctorsworldwide.org:

- Updated CV and Cover Letter outlining relevant experience in obstetrics and teaching
- Two professional references
- Proof of medical qualifications and any relevant certifications
- Optional: Additional qualifications in maternal and newborn health, tropical medicine, or disaster medicine

For selected international candidates, DWW will cover costs associated with the deployment including flight, accommodation and a stipend towards meals.

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